



Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year A
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RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Masses during the Week

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: 10am Eucharistic Service

Thursday: 10am Eucharistic Service

Friday: 10am

Saturday: 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 10am

Confessions: Saturday at 5.30pm

Rosary: After Mass on Thursday morning.

Eucharistic Adoration: After Mass on Wednesday morning.

Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Sirach: In refusing to forgive those who have sinned against us, we exclude ourselves from receiving God's forgiveness for our own sins.

Second Reading: Romans: The entire existence of a Christian is for Christ and for others.

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35. We must be willing to extend to others the generous forgiveness God has extended to us.

During October and November Bishop Brian will host a series of nine weekly Zoom meetings with all the priests and two parishioners from each parish to discern various areas of mission where we can find the path that the Holy Spirit wants for us as a Diocese. Fr Roddy has asked Iain Templeton and Robert Stewart to represent our parish along with himself.

The priests of the Diocese will meet in Oban this week for the annual **Clergy Assembly**. Pope Leo has frequently emphasised the importance of communion between bishop, priests and deacons. Bishop Brian has encouraged every priest from the Diocese to attend because the Assembly builds fraternity as well as being in-service. This year's Assembly will be led by Fr Peter Fleetwood, a Liverpool priest who has been most recently lecturing at the Pontifical Bede College in Rome. Among his varied ministries Fr Peter worked at the Pontifical Council for Culture which was erected by Pope John Paul II. Fr Peter will address the topic of mission in our contemporary circumstances.

This weekend there will be a special collection for the **retired priests** of our Diocese: Mgr. Donald MacKinnon, Fr Sandy Culley, Canon William Fraser, Fr Colin MacInnes, Canon Iain MacMaster and Fr Joe Calleja. As well as helping them out financially, please pray for them. We give thanks for the many years of service they have given to the church in all parts of the diocese.

The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) is launching **Young Caritas Scotland** which is a new movement for young adults who want to put their faith into action, meet likeminded people from the global church, and help build a better world. See the poster on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

The **Craft Group** are hosting a MacMillan Coffee morning on Tuesday 22nd of September from 10-12 in the parish hall. Please come along and support this very worthwhile event. They will also be holding their fifth annual Auction on Saturday, 10 th October with all money raised once again going to Mary's Meals - the past four auctions have raised a round £5000 in total - we would welcome any items for consideration as 'lots'.

The **Dunoon Chest, Heart and Stroke** club celebrates its twenty-fifth year affiliation with Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland this year. New members , volunteers and bakers are always welcome . For further information please contact Karen (07745 287683) or Jennifer (07502 297643)

The show, “Across the Universe”, which is a celebration of “**The Beatles**” is coming to the Queen’s Hall on November 21st, 7.30pm until 10.00pm. It has been suggested that some parishioners might like to go as a group and meet up before the show. Tickets are likely to sell quickly. If you are interested in going along, tickets can be organised. Please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church to show your interest.

The Season of Creation runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year.

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home.

Justice & Peace Scotland Statement on UK Measures Against Illegal Israeli Settlements

Justice & Peace Scotland welcomes the announcement by the UK Government of a ban on imports from illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, alongside further sanctions targeting those involved in settlement expansion and settler violence.

We particularly welcome the Government’s recognition that Israel’s occupation of the West Bank is unlawful and that settlement expansion and settler violence are contributing to the displacement of Palestinian communities. Today’s use of economic and diplomatic measures to uphold international law is a positive and long-awaited step towards holding Israel accountable for its repeated breaches of international obligations.

Through our participation in the Holy Land Coordination, we have witnessed the impact of settlement expansion and settler violence first-hand. In 2025, we met Daoud Nassar of the Tent of Nations farm in Bethlehem, whose family has spent decades defending the ownership of their land. The farm is surrounded by Israeli settlements and the family face constant violence, vandalism and repeated attempts to dispossess them. In 2026, in Taybeh, members of the parish of Christ the Redeemer told us of homes and property being attacked and of farmland and olive trees being damaged by settlers in an attempt to drive them from their land. These experiences demonstrate the very real consequences of settlement expansion for Palestinian communities.

Equal rights, security and dignity for Palestinians and Israelis cannot be achieved without accountability and respect for the international legal framework. Measures such as those announced should therefore be encouraged as a means of addressing injustice and helping to break the cycle of violence and loss of life for all who live there.

We continue to call for measures to address conflict that are consistent with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the Gospel’s call to nonviolence. Pope Leo XIV has repeatedly emphasised the need for peace founded on justice and respect for the dignity of every person.

The announcement is a hugely welcome and much-needed step, but the UK Government must continue to use all appropriate diplomatic, economic and legal mechanisms to uphold international law and prevent further settlement expansion.

We pray for all people living in the Holy Land and for a future in which Palestinians and Israelis can live with equal rights, security, dignity and lasting peace.

Teas/Coffees: Available in the Church Hall after Mass on Sunday. All welcome.